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In re application of:

Choo *et al.*

Application No.: 09/424,482

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 9.

Please amend claims 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A zinc finger polypeptide library in which each polypeptide comprises more than one zinc finger comprising amino acid positions -1 to +9 with position 1 representing the first amino acid of an alpha-helix and wherein each polypeptide has been at least partially randomised such that the randomisation extends to cover at least one position selected from the group consisting of -1, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 and at

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